

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Road Density

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the current road density in the country, State-wise; and

(b) whether the Government has any plans to increase the road density in the coming years to boost economic activities, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA)

(a) and (b) The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). State/Union Territory (UT)-wise details of NH density in the country is annexed.

Declaration of State Roads as new NHs are done from time to time keeping in view the requirements of connectivity, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

About 47,890 km length of State Roads have been approved "In-Principle" for their declaration as new NHs subject to outcome of their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). Initiatives have been taken for their DPR preparations.

The Ministry has taken up detailed review of NHs network with a view to develop the road connectivity to Border areas, development of Coastal roads including road connectivity for Non Major ports, improvement in the efficiency of National Corridors, development of Economic Corridors, along with integration with Sagarmala, construction / rehabilitation / widening of major bridges and Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) / Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) on NHs, connectivity Improvement Program for Char-Dham (Kedarnath, Badrinath, Yamunothri & Gangothri in Uttarakhand) etc., under proposed new programmes. However, these programmes are yet to be formally launched.